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The Northeast Utilities System

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Re: H.B. No. 5271 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING COUNCIL.

This proposed bill would revise the siting council statutes. We do not have a position on this bill as drafted because it does not address our facilities. However, if a siting council bill does go forward, we suggest that the following technical change be made:

In section 16-50p(3)(D)(ii) we suggest that the following change would harmonize various sections of current law.

...a public need exists [if such] when a facility is necessary for the reliability of the electric power supply systems serving [of] the state and interconnected utility systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on proposed bills on today's agenda. We would be pleased to work with the committee during this session as a resource as may be appropriate.